



Then [Jesus] summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness.

MATTHEW 10:1

Jesus Calls Together the Twelve

ANN M. GARRIDO

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Reflect

Do I unite people by my words and actions, or am I more of a divider?

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Mass Schedule

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday June 13, 2026

4:00 PM St Joseph Mass
 Int: Parishioners
 6:00 PM St Paul Mass
 Int: Wilma Ungerank, d

Sunday June 14, 2026

8:00 AM St John Mass
 Int: Pat Parker, d; Edgar Throesch, d; Dan, Joe, Dave & Jennifer Wren, d
 10:30 AM St Paul Mass
 Int: Parishioners

Monday June 15, 2026

No Mass

Tuesday June 16, 2026

6:00 PM St Paul Mass
 Int: Jimmy & Jeff Baltz, d

Wednesday June 17, 2026

12:00 PM St Paul Mass
 Int: Dan Earsa, d

Thursday June 18, 2026

12:00 PM St John Mass
 Int: Mary & Greg Thielemier, d; Mary Weisenbach, d; L/D Members of Katie Thielemier family
 6:00 PM St Paul Mass
 Int: Robert E, Charles Ray, William "Bill" Gschwend, d

Friday June 19, 2026

12:00 St Paul Mass
 Int: William Brown, d; Gaylon Weaver, d
Office Closed

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday June 20, 2026

4:00 Pm St Joseph Mass
 Int: Parishioners
 6:00 PM St Paul Mass
 Int: Joseph & JoAnn Thibeault, d

Sunday June 21, 2026

8:00 AM St John Mass
 Int: Dickie & Doris Flanigan (healing); Treva Throesch, d; Betty Steimel, d
 10:30 AM St Paul Mass
 Int: Parishioners



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Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday- 8am -11:30 am; 12:30 pm- 4:30 pm
 Closed on Holy Days of Obligation

If an emergency occurs requiring the sacramental ministry of a priest, please contact the parish office Monday – Friday. After hours or on weekends, please contact Christine Baltz 724-549-6324.

Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered Saturday 11 am-12 noon, Tuesday & Thursday 5-5:45 PM or most any reasonable time by request, (your identity need not be known). Come receive our Risen Lord's forgiveness & healing.

Sacrament of Baptism presupposes sufficient instruction & a desire on the part of the candidate/ parent to practice the faith. *Expectant parents please ask for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery.* Call the Church Office to schedule instructions & the service.

Sacrament of Marriage is a wonderful commitment of life & love, & involves much serious deliberation, prayer & planning. Engaged couples should contact the pastor at least SIX Months before setting a date.

Sacrament of the Sick is always encouraged for those who are seriously ill, elderly, or facing surgery. The Sacrament of Healing is available upon request. Family & friends are invited to attend & thus show their support, love, friendship, & Christian concern

Bulletin announcement deadline is Wednesday, at noon

Sacristan Schedule

June 20- Nick DeClerk June 21- Josh & Jill Neely
 June 27- Alex Baltz June 28- Matt & Jennifer Hibbard
 July 4- Joan Gross July 5- Scott & Abby Tyler

Financial Report	
June 11, 2026	\$11,199.12
2026 year to date	\$186,062.04
Children's Collection	\$380.00
St Joseph April 2026	\$3,523.32
DOLR May 2026	\$747.00
Food Bank, May 2026	\$1,005.31



BECAUSE VIBRANT CHURCHES MATTER

Online Giving with We Share
 Follow the link on the Church website to sign up.



Church Cleaning Schedule June 20- Sarah Counts, Rene' Tyler, Karen Starr, Rita Rowe. **To volunteer to join a group & help maintain our church call the office or ask someone to join a group.**



The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, Deacon Matthew A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361. For pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Little Rock: Laura Gottspomer at (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

Eucharistic Ministers/Altar Servers Schedule

6:00 PM Saturday June 20, 2026

Host Ministers: De Tate, Maggie Baltz

Cups: Trish Thielemier, Kelly Throesch

Cups: Pauletta Walker, Rose Hutsell

Altar Servers: Luke, Jacob, Blakey Jansen

10:30 AM Sunday June 21, 2026

Host Ministers: De Tate, Monica Loyd

Cups: Claire Garoutte, Rene' Tyler

Cups: Debbie Hibbard, Jennifer Hibbard

Altar Servers: Owen Smith, Caroline Thielemier, Kogan Vaughn

6:00 PM Saturday June 27, 2026

Host Ministers: Tom & Chris Baltz

Cups: Alex & Tiffany Baltz

Cups: Paul & Kristie Yemma

Altar Servers: Jake Baltz, Leo & Etta Clark

10:30 AM Sunday June 28, 2026

Host Ministers: Shelly James, Terri Jansen

Cups: Michelle Olvey, Brin Presley

Cups: Veronica Rose, Jill Neely

Altar Servers: Zoey Hibbard, Cash Cox, John Henry Garoutte

Knight's of Columbus News:

Knight of the Month: Joe Bergman

Family of the month: Joseph & Brookelynn Difani

Congratulations to Rhode Hausmann who was Baptized on June 6, 2026, Rhode is the son of Brody & Jordan Hausmann . Zac DeClerk is his Godparent. Congratulations from St Paul Parish!

Nursing Home & Homebound June:

Sarah Counts, Charlotte Baltz and Anna Mae Higginbotham

Ushers June:

Saturday: Joe Bergman, Bobby Meier, Kyle Sutton, Terry Throesch

Sunday: Richard Blount, Doug Thielemier

Upcoming Special Collection for June: Church in Latin America Collection; June 21st. Help be a sign of hope to our suffering brothers & sisters. Please help Pope Leo XIV in his ministry to the Universal Church. Thank you for your support.



The Respect Life Grant Application is open from June 1- Aug 31. DOLR provides a limited number of grants specifically to fund pro-life ministry, outreach, direct services or advocacy in Arkansas. Grants are awarded during Respect Life Month (October). Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished. If you have any questions, please email respectlife@dolr.org or go to Respect Life Grant Application DOLOR.org.

Please pray for Bishop Anthony Taylor, David Bassford, Debbie Junkersfeld, Jan Richardson, Ella Scobey, Tommy O'Donnell, Stephanie Garner, Dennis Blount, Les McPherson, Bridgette Kasinger, Gary Baltz, Jacquolyn Weick, Sheila Saala, Jessica Pfeffer, Mary Broadway, Jake Kasinger, Gail Pinion, Josh Nichols, Jo Ann Manis, Becky Catron, Tanya Flanigan Smith, Luke Steimel, Donna Baltz, Vivian Blackshear, Dave Weick, Mike Cook, Christina Smith, Dorothy Hoelscher, Tim Junkersfeld, Leonard Thielemier, Nekayah Thomas, Virginia Sacher, Brooke Junkersfeld, Joe T Carroll, Lane Clayton, Jo Vatsula, Richard Jenkins, Jim & Shirley Lamb, Steve Bodden, Blake Edwards, Dorothy Ward, Bonnie Schmidt, Elizabeth Smith, Margaret Weyer, Diane Kimble Ramsey, Fr. James Schaefer, Ronnie Risner, Larry Weick, Paige Catt, Kelly McCandless, and Keith Broadway.

Good News!

June 14, 2026
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Exodus 19:2–6a / Romans 5:6–11 / Matthew 9:36–10:8

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Parish Office Hours: Thursday 8:00AM-12:00 Noon, or by appointment

Mass Schedule

Saturday	11:00AM Confessions, St. Paul (Pocahontas) 3:30PM Confessions, St. Joseph (Corning) 4:00PM Mass, St. Joseph (Corning) 6:00PM Mass, St. Paul (Pocahontas)
Sunday	7:30AM Confessions, St. John (Engelberg) 8:00AM Mass, St. John (Engelberg) 10:30AM Mass, St. Paul (Pocahontas)
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	5:00PM Confessions, St. Paul (Pocahontas) 6:00PM Mass, St. Paul (Pocahontas)
Wednesday	9:00AM Mass, St. Paul (Pocahontas) (School Year) 12:00 Noon Mass, St. Paul (Pocahontas) (Summer)
Thursday	8:00AM-12:00 Noon Adoration, St. John (Engelberg) 12:00 Noon Mass, St. John (Engelberg) 5:00PM Confessions, St. Paul (Pocahontas) 6:00PM Mass, St. Paul (Pocahontas)
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Mass Intentions

June 14, 2026 – June 21, 2026

<p><u>St. John</u> Sun June 14: Pat Parker (d); Edgar Throesch (d); Dan Joe, Dave & Jennifer Wren (d) Thur June 18: Mary & Greg Thielemier (d); Mary Weisenbach (d); Living & deceased members of the & Katie Thielemier family Sun June 21: Dickie & Doris Flanigan (healing); Treva Throesch (d); Betty Steimel (d)</p> <p><u>St. Paul</u> Sat June 13: Wilma Ungerank (d) Sun June 14: Parishioners Tues June 16: Jimmy & Jeff Baltz (d) Wed June 17: Dan Earsa (d) Thur June 18: Robert E, Charles Ray, William “Bill” Gschwend (d) Fri June 19: William Brown (d); Gaylon Weaver (d) Sat June 20: Joseph & JoAnn Thibeault (d) Sun June 21: Parishioners</p>
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Ministry Schedule

	June 14	June 21	June 28	July 5
Eucharistic Ministers	Cathy Hausman Tina Sharp Jane Smith Rebecca Steimel	Joe Steimel Lori Steimel Vernon Hausman Candace Steimel	Joe Steimel Lori Steimel Vernon Hausman Candace Steimel	Jim Bergman Lori Bergman Pam Durbin Mike Taylor
Servers	Henry Taylor Catarina Throesch Jaxon Kasinger	Casyn Steimel Max Hoose Madison Throesch	Wade Zitzelberger Holden Zitzelberger Isaac Throesch	Perry Throesch Jaxon Steimel Lucy Throesch
Lectors	June: Amy McKenzie & Christian Helms July: Brenda Liebhaber & Elaine Wallis			
Ushers	June: Richard Thielemier & Jerry Lindsey July: Dale Throesch & John Wren			
Money Counters	June: Lori Bergman, Nick Wren, Konner & Sara Mulock July: Deb Martin, Dwain & Cathy Hausman			

Weekly Financial Report

June 7, 2026 Loose Cash \$304.00 Checks & Envelopes: \$1840.00

FOOD BANK: This Sunday’s second collection will be taken up for our area Food Bank.

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA: This special collection is taken up in all parishes across Arkansas. It promotes solidarity throughout the hemisphere by providing for pastoral projects in Latin America and the Caribbean. The funds are used to make grants and partnerships that support catechetical and lay leadership programs, youth ministry, evangelization programs and formation programs for religious, priests and deacons. This collection allows the Catholic faithful in the western hemisphere to work together and help each other. This collection will be taken up Sunday, June 21.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Catholic Kids Club fund raiser Sunday June 14th immediately following 8:00AM Mass in Parish Hall. \$10 a person, kids under 10 are free.

FAREWELL PARTY FOR FATHER STEPHEN: Friday, June 26th beginning at 5:30 with a Choir Concert in Church. This will last about an hour and immediately following we will have a Farewell Reception in the Parish Hall. Meat will be provided by the Parish. We will be having a sign-up sheet a couple weeks before to sign up for potato dishes, vegetables and desserts. Let’s show our appreciation to Father Stephen for all he has done for our parish and make this a special event with a large turn-out.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: It has been sadly brought to our attention that we are once again missing items from the Parish Hall. In the past we have had flags, table cloths, table runners, and decorative lanterns that have come up missing. Nothing in the hall, rectory or church is meant to be borrowed or used outside of Parish events. If you know where these items or any other items that belong to the Church are, please see to it that they are returned.

100th ANNIVERSARY MEMENTO’S: We would like to have a display of any old items that might have come out of our Church. If you have anything such as candlesticks or any other Church items, please let us know. Also, if anyone has any Church related old pictures, we would like to use them. Thank you.

ST JOHN’S PLAYGROUND UPDATE: A committee has formed to update St. John’s playground. Committee members are Ben Throesch (chair), Jimmy Bergman and Christian Helms. They have already started fundraising for new playground equipment. If you would like to make a donation please see one of the committee members. Thanks

TASTE OF FAITH: Saturday August 1, St. Paul Parish Life Center 6:00PM Happy Hour. More details soon.

DATES TO REMEMBER: 100th Anniversary of current Church: Sunday October 11th, Mass will be at 10:30AM with luncheon following.

KC KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: Joe Bergman
KC FAMILY OF THE MONTH: Joseph & Brooklyn Difani

EUCHARIST ADORATION: There is no greater profession of faith possible for a human being to make here on earth than during prayer before the Holy Eucharist; so we ask, why should prayer before Christ in the Blessed Sacrament be so powerful in obtaining miracles of conversion – is because it is prayer rising from faith in the cardinal mystery of Christianity. (Source: Eucharistic Adoration for Priests Blog) Please call 870-810-0612 for questions or more information.

PRAY FOR: All the sick that request our prayers, especially, Bishop Anthony Taylor, Father James Schaefer, Lisa (Baltz) Riggs, Pam Zosso, Scott Trim, Lettie Hausman, River Wood, Diane Kimble Ramsey, Caren Kiefer, Dennis Weisenbach, Father Matthew Flatly (diocese of Jefferson City), Doris Flanigan, Bonny Schmidt, Marie Peters, Pam Murphy, Bridgette Kasinger, Danny McCurdy, Paula Johnson, David Cissel, Owen Rowe, Jake Kasinger, Dickie Flanigan, Sharon Thielemier (Patrick), Betty Baltz, Karen O’Gara, Earnie Durbin, and all those listed in our petition book. May God grant them healing.



Taste of Faith

Benefitting Seminarian Education

Join us for an inspiring evening of fellowship, dinner, and meaningful conversation as we come together to support the seminarians of the Diocese of Little Rock.

Taste of Faith helps provide education, formation, and essential support for the men preparing to serve our parishes as future priests throughout Arkansas. The cost to educate and support one seminarian is estimated at approximately **\$45,000 each year**, helping provide tuition, room and board, health insurance, and other essential needs.

There is **no cost to attend** this special event. During the evening, guests will have the opportunity to prayerfully consider making a financial contribution in support of vocations and seminarian education.

Designed as an evening of fellowship and conversation, Taste of Faith offers a welcoming atmosphere for adults to gather in support of this important mission.

Your presence, prayers, and support help make a lasting impact on the future of our Church.

We invite parishioners, friends, and neighboring parishes from across Northeast Arkansas to join us for this meaningful evening supporting the future of our Diocese.

Event Information:

Date: Saturday, August 1, 2026 • 6:00 PM Happy Hour (Mass offered at 5pm)

Location: St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church –

1002 Convent St, Pocahontas, AR 72455

Hosted by: Vocations and Seminarians Office and Stewardship and
Development Office

For additional information, please contact:

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary
1 Kgs 21:1-16 Mt 5:38-42	1 Kgs 21:17-29 Mt 5:43-48	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Sir 48:1-14 Mt 6:7-15	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 Mt 6:19-23	2 Chr 24:17-25 Mt 6:24-34	Jer 20:10-13 Rom 5:12-15 Mt 10:26-33

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CRISTIAN GUTIÉRREZ, LC / CATHOPIC

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Humility is really freedom from ourselves.... Those who exalt themselves generally think that nothing is more interesting than themselves; yet, deep down, they are quite insecure.... Dear friends, today let us pray that the Church will always be a school of humility for everyone, a home where all are welcome, a place where rivalries are set aside and where Jesus...teaches us to imitate his own humility and freedom.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 31, 2025